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1. On 2 January 1953 a Czechoslovak Military Mission consisting of 18 officers of the Czechoslovak General Staff and headed by General Blaha left the Prague-Ruzyně Airport for Tirana. The Mission will spend two years in Albania where it will supervise the activities of Czechoslovak instructors assigned to the Albanian Army. Moreover, the Mission will be attached to the Soviet group in Albania. In the near future several technical advisors (Czechoslovak?) will be attached to the Mission and will supervise the construction of the Tirana-Durres, Durres-Elbasan railroad. Czechoslovak technicians will also construct a new radio station in Tirana.
 2. The air service between Prague and Tirana will be completely reorganized and placed under military control. This service will also be used by Soviet experts going to Albania.
 3. A special government commission to facilitate Czechoslovak-Albanian relations was established in Prague under Dr. Jozef Kysely, the Deputy Prime Minister. 1

Comment: Jozef Kysely has since been relieved as Deputy Prime Minister and appointed Minister of Building Materials in the reorganization of the Czechoslovak Government at the beginning of 1953.

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